

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Steering Committee
Meeting

January 19, 2024



Agenda

- Welcome and Chairs Introductions
- Group Agreements for meetings
- Adopt December Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- City of New Britain Presentation - 2024 Annual Consolidated Plan
- Vote - 2024 New Project Priorities
- Projects with no Designated Case Management
- New Project Request for Proposals (RFP) Coming Soon!
- Street Outreach Program Performance Measures
- Break-out Discussions
- Discussion on Proposed By-laws Change - CT CAN End Homelessness Rep to Steering Committee
- Partner Announcements & Other Business



CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Consultants.

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy





Reminders

- Input is welcome!
- Please unmute or use chat.
- To provide anonymous input, please send a message to a member of the CT BOS support team:
 - Liz Isaacs
 - Lauren Pareti

Approve CT BOS December 2023 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



CT BOS December Steering Committee Minutes

Announcements





Welcome Alternate Steering Committee Representatives

- CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Lisa Callahan, Health Program Associate
- CT Department of Labor, Heriberto Cajigas, Program Manager WIOA Administration unit
- CT Department of Housing, Leigh Shields, Coordinated Access Network Manager
- CT Department of Children and Families, William Seals, Director of Interagency Navigation
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Jen Moriarty
- CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Yolanda Potter, Director of Housing Advocacy

Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.
- As always, questions/comments can also be sent CTBOSCoC@gmail.com or call a team member any time!



Webinar: CoC Policy and Administrative Requirements 1/24/24 - 10am-12pm

- Overview of Federal and Local Requirements
- Buy America Build America (BABA) requirements
- Equity & Equal Access
- Participant Rights & Notices
- Additional Required Policies
- Other Administrative Requirements

Join Zoom Meeting

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 885 4605 2390

Passcode: 420244

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Webinar: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Requirements for CoC Projects - 2/13/24 - 10am-12pm

- VAWA Overview
- Who is eligible for protections?
- Responsibilities of CoC Providers
- Documentation Requirements
- Prohibition on Retaliation
- Right to Report
- VAWA Eligible Activities

Join Zoom Meeting

[Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 828 0549 8935

Passcode: 369657

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Webinar: Introduction to CT BOS

New Date: 2/29/24 – 10-11:30 a.m.

For new Steering Committee members or anyone who wants a refresher on:

CoC Responsibilities, Overview of the Homeless Response System, Key Partners, CT BOS Governance

Join Zoom Meeting:

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 828 6189 9566

Passcode: 271400

Call-in: 646-876-9923



Reminder:
Point-in-time
Count of
Persons
Experiencing
Homelessness
January 23,
2024

[Nutmeg PIT Info Page](#)





2024 Renewal Evaluation Upcoming Deadlines & Timeline

- 1/19/24: Deadline for providers to submit [support](#) requests – TODAY!
- 2/5/24: Deadline to make data changes and refresh data in RED
- Upcoming Deadlines TBA: Change Request & Grievance
- If you need help to identify or correct data quality issues use the link for the [CoC Renewal Evaluation Help Desk](#) to submit a ticket.

[CT BOS 2024 Renewal Evaluation Instructions](#)

CT BOS Steering Committee Community Rep Positions Available – Applications due 1/24/24



One Youth Community Rep (24 years old or under) and One Community Rep Position Open
Contact Liz (917) 449-3918 or lisaacs@housinginnovations.us with any questions.

CT BOS -- Updated Rights Notices

Updated to make them easier to read and understand

Grievance Rights Notice

Participants Bill of Rights

ER Transfer Rights Notice for DV



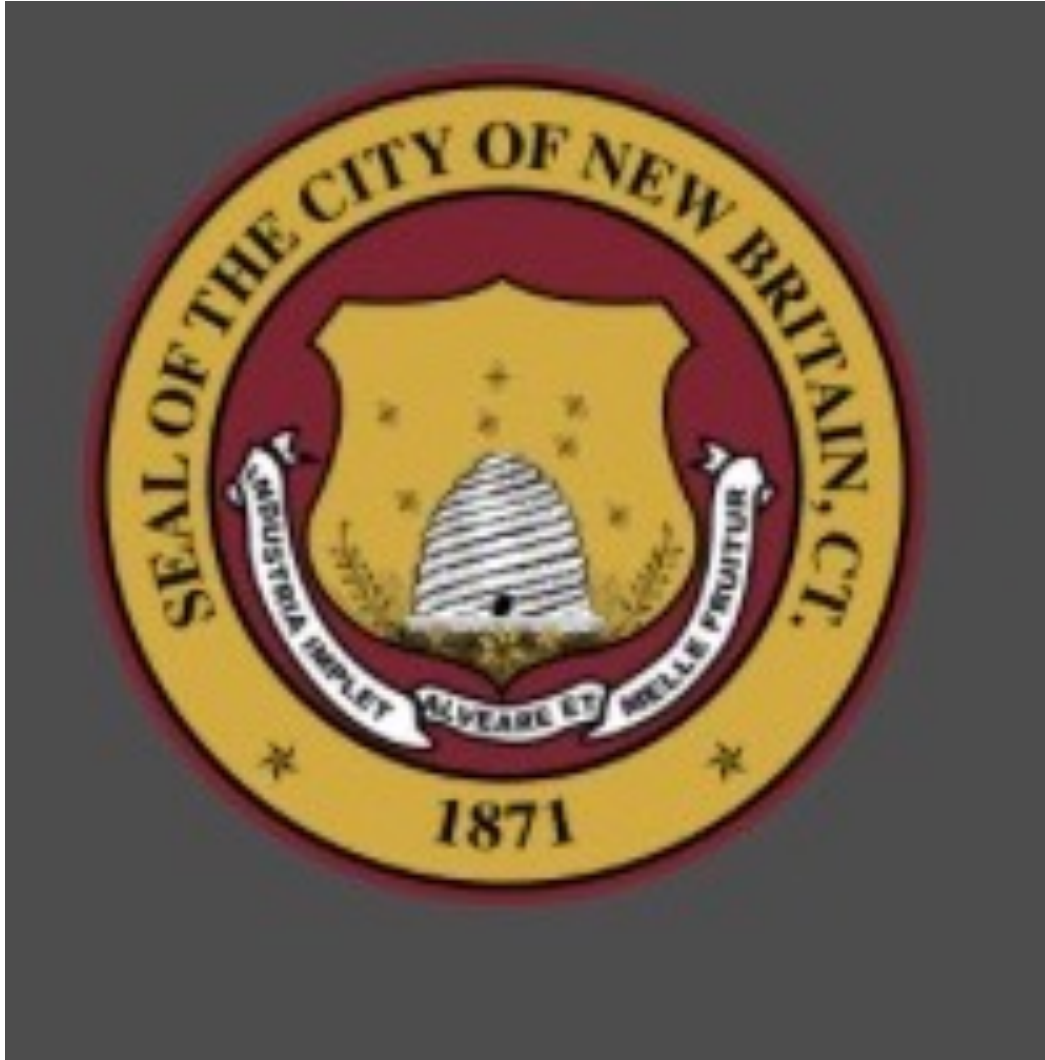
Naloxone (Narcan) Info from HUD & DMHAS



HUD Fact Sheet for CoC Providers

How to access Naloxone (Narcan) in CT:

- [Guidance from DMHAS on how to get FREE Narcan](#)
- [REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATIONS contacts to get FREE Narcan](#)



City of New Britain Presentation 2024 Annual Plan

Please send feedback to:

Scott Williams, Grants Administrator

City of New Britain - Planning & Development

scott.williams@newbritainct.gov

2024 New Project Priorities - VOTE

- Each year the Steering Committee adopts new projects priorities:
 - *Types of new project applications included in our application to HUD for CoC funds.*
- Coordinated Access Networks (CANs) submitted data to CT BOS.
- Steering Committee discussed priorities at December meeting.
- Feedback was provided at and after the meeting.
- VOTE TODAY!



Eligible Types of Projects for New HUD CoC Projects

- RRH
- PSH
- Joint TH-RRH
- Coordinated Entry
- HMIS





New Project Priorities Feedback

Feedback included in the Proposal:

- Include opportunities to increase supportive services for underfunded RRH and PSH programs
- Use the more expansive HUD definition of disability for PSH projects.
- Have housing search assistance as part of programs and for people that may have mainstream /other vouchers without services attached.
- Create opportunities for youth without disabilities



New Project Priorities Feedback (2)

Other Feedback:

- Include Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project
 - CCEH leading analysis to assess HMIS needs
- Include Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals/families fleeing domestic violence with a disability but not Dedicated +/-chronic
 - HUD requires new PSH be 100% chronic or DedicatedPLUS
- Create more bridge programs for those 60+ who need time to coordinate benefits and figure out long term housing options (Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing – TH-RRH)
 - HUD restricts total time in TH-RRH to 24 months – same as RRH
 - Proposal includes a set-aside for 60+ in PSH

New Project Priorities Feedback (3)

- Include master leasing for people with high barriers who struggle to get a lease.
 - *Master leasing disadvantages: increases liability for provider agencies, tenants don't get leases in their name*
 - *CANs reporting lack of Housing First compliance in congregate PSH*
 - *CT BOS working with CANs to ensure Housing First implementation*
- Include family PSH
 - *DOH Systems Re-design analysis suggests sufficient current capacity.*
 - *Focus on moving families in PSH on to create vacancies*



Who Can Vote?



- Community Reps: Melissa Dzierlatka, Tania Banks, Aleena Durant, Sonia Soto, Heather Craven, Tayna Castillo
- CT Department of Labor: Robert Bongiolatti or Heriberto Cajigas
- CT Department of Social Services: Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson or Theresa Rivera
- CT Department of Education: Louis Tallerita
- CT Department of Correction: Joy Zavarella
- CT Department of Children and Families: Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez or William Seals
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen Pasko or Jen Moriarty
- Partnership for Strong Communities: Danielle Hubley or Carline Charmelus



Vote: New Project Priorities- Regular CoC Funds

- New Units Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals (including youth)
 - PSH projects can serve people who meet the HUD definition of disability
 - Preference for projects where at least 25% of the units designated to serve people experiencing homelessness are funded by a source other than CoC or ESG.
 - Set-aside for projects targeting people aged 60 and older
- New Units of RRH for Singles and Families (including youth)
- Set aside to fund enhanced services in existing CoC-funded PSH & RRH units (up to the funding cap) with a preference for proposals for services in PSH projects with no designated services funding
- Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only (CE SSO - not via RFP)
- Proposed projects can claim up to 10% for project administrative costs

Vote: New Project Priorities– DV Bonus Funds

- RRH
- Joint Transitional/RRH (TH/RRH)
- Coordinated Entry – Supportive Services Only (CE SSO; not via RFP)
- 10% allowed for project administrative costs
- Any other project types HUD indicates in NOFO are allowable (not via RFP)





To receive BOS e-mails
with info on new
project RFP and more:
[Link to Sign up for BOS
E-mails](#)

CT BOS New
Project RFP
Coming
soon!



REMINDER: Projects with No Designated Case Management Provider

Greater Hartford CAN: 164 units

- Capitol Region Mental Health Center (CRMHC)
 - CT0022 Greater Hartford Rental Assistance Consolidated
 - CT0185 Manchester Rental Assistance

Greater New Haven CAN: 101 units

- Community Services Network (CSN)
 - CT0164 New Haven Rental Assistance

REMINDER: Projects with No Designated Case Management Provider (2)



Northwest CAN: 70 units

- Western Connecticut Mental Health Network
 - CT0151 Waterbury Housing Plus
 - CT0200 Torrington Rental Assistance WHO
 - CT0204 Waterbury Rental Assistance
 - CT0211 Waterbury Step-up

MMW: 20 units

- River Valley Services (RVS) & Community Health Center
 - CT0054 Middletown Rental Assistance



Street Outreach - HUD Systems Performance Measures

To be used to monitor impact of SNOFO investment on unsheltered homelessness:

- Change in the Unsheltered Point In Time (PIT) Count
- Percent Successful Exits from Street Outreach
 - Placement in Permanent Housing (PH)
 - Placement in temporary and some institutional destinations
- Percent of Returns to Homelessness from Street Outreach (of those who exited to PH, % who returned to homelessness within 2 years)



Street Outreach – Proposed Additional Systems Performance Measures

Discuss Today – Vote in February

To be used to monitor impact of SNOFO investment on unsheltered homelessness:

- Number of people on Smart Sheets who are verified as unsheltered and not on By-Name-List (BNL)
- Percentage of unsheltered households on BNL matched to Permanent Housing (PH)
- Number of unsheltered households exited from BNL to PH
- Median # of days for unsheltered households to exit BNL List to PH



Break-out Rooms

- Introduce yourself, your role, and say how long you have been attending CT BOS Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion Questions for today:
 - Are there other things we should measure Street Outreach programs on?
 - Should any of the proposed system measures be removed?
 - Note: focus on using data that already exists rather than adding data collection requirements.

Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation. Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.



Discussion on Proposed By-laws Change - Add CT CAN End Homelessness Rep to the Steering Committee

- Reaching Home Campaign had a representative on SC in the past
- CT CAN End Homelessness rep could share information between BOS and the campaign
- Discuss today
- Vote at 2/16/24 meeting
- All can vote



Partner Announcements

Other Business?



Upcoming BOS SC Meetings

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- February 16, 2024; 11-12:30
- March 15, 2024; 11-12:30
- April 19, 2024; 11-12:30
- May 17, 2024; 11-12:30
- June 21, 2024; 11-12:30
- July 19, 2024; 11-12:30
- August 16, 2024; 11-12:30
- September 20, 2024; 11-12:30
- October 18, 2024; 11-12:30
- November 15, 2024; 11-12:30
- December 20, 2024; 11-12:30



Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

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